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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2006.

The Action includes restriction and election of species requirement. Restriction is required between:

(I) Claims 1 and 4 to 19, identified in the Action as being directed to an electrolyte for a battery, classified in class 429, subclass 188, and

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